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STATUS OF SIBERIAN AIR DEFENSE DISTRICT INSTALLATIONS AS OF ☐

☐ data has provided information which reflects the status of certain air defense facilities within the Siberian Air Defense District (ADD) as of ☐ This information includes: a) the location and strength of IA PVO Divisions P1100 and P1101 at Novosibirsk West and Omsk Southwest Airfields; b) the presence of fighter aircraft at Semipalatinsk; c) the status of anti-aircraft artillery (AAA) at Novosibirsk and Omsk; and d) the presence of a possible TOKEN radar located at Omsk Southwest Airfield.

DETAILS

A. IA PVO Divisions P1100 and P1101

On the basis of ☐ it was determined that, during 1957, fighter defense of the Siberian ADD was provided by two IA PVO divisions, both of which were understrength. Division P1100 was located at Novosibirsk West Airfield and was credited with only one regiment of probable MIG-15 aircraft; Division P1101 was located at Omsk Southwest Airfield and apparently possessed two regiments of unidentified type fighter aircraft. Evidence providing the basis for these locations and strengths was limited and therefore not conclusive.

☐ photography of ☐ 2/ confirmed other evidence which indicated that Novosibirsk West and Omsk Southwest were major fighter bases within the Siberian ADD. At the same time, however, it indicated the fighter strength at the two airfields was the reverse of that determined from ☐ i.e., 75 MIG-type aircraft (two regiments) were located at Novosibirsk West while 16 probable MIG-19 aircraft were located at Omsk Southwest.

B. Fighters at Semipalatinsk

While there is no available ☐ evidence which can be used as a basis for locating fighter aircraft at Semipalatinsk, photography of ☐ 3/ disclosed the presence of seven MIG-17 aircraft at that airfield.

C. Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA)

AAA elements of the Siberian ADD were served by a communications group⁴ which consisted of a control and four outstations. The control station was located at the ADD headquarters at Novosibirsk; an outstation was located possibly at Omsk Southwest Airfield and possibly at Leninsk Kuznetskij. Two outstations were unlocated. ☐ did not provide the location of individual AAA positions served by this group.

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Through the use of ☐ the locations of one AAA position at Novosibirsk North and two AAA positions at both Novosibirsk Northeast and Omsk Southwest Airfields were determined. With one possible exception, all AAA positions were identified as eight-gun emplacements. None appeared to be occupied.

D. TOKEN Radar at Omsk

As of December 1957, ☐ had provided the location of a radar station at Omsk. This station was part of an air warning group³ tasked with reporting air surveillance information to ADD Headquarters at Novosibirsk via a sub-district headquarters at Omsk. The type of radar equipment in the area, though not identified by ☐ was indicated by ☐ as TOKEN, KNIFEREST, FISHNET, ROCKCAKE and STRIKEOUT.

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Photography of the Omsk area on ☐ 5/ revealed the presence of but one radar, a possible TOKEN, at Omsk Southwest Airfield.

COMMENT

Although the possibility of temporary aircraft deployment cannot be discounted as a reason for conflicting information concerning the relative strengths of IA PVO Divisions P1100 and P1101, it is believed their actual status was reflected in ☐ photography. This belief is strengthened after considering the difficult intercept problem which exists as a result of the size and remoteness of the district and the limited ☐ evidence which indicated the relative strengths of the two divisions.

☐ information subsequent to August 1957 has not produced evidence of fighter aircraft at Semipalatinsk. Their presence at that airfield at that time is therefore assumed to be a reflection of temporary aircraft deployment.

The AAA positions at Novosibirsk North, Novosibirsk Northeast, and Omsk Southwest Airfields are believed to be served by the AAA stations identified and located there from ☐ Of interest is the relatively small number of emplacements identified through photography and the fact that all were apparently unoccupied.

Even though radars other than TOKEN were not identified in photography of the Omsk area, their presence in the area is not doubted. A TOKEN radar by itself is considered inadequate for the combined functions of (1) proper air surveillance and (2) exercising the aircraft control functions (GCI) required by the activities of Division P1101 aircraft located at Omsk.

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